

II. REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-110 are pending. The Examiner contacted Applicant's attorney, Wesley Ashton, via telephone on December 12, 2011, and informed Applicant's attorney that the amendments and arguments evinced by Amendment (E) After Final, filed January 31, 2011, overcome the art of record so that the previous grounds of rejection have all been withdrawn. The Examiner further informed Applicant's attorney that after independent claim 7 has been amended so that it recites a Sn content that is the same as that of the embodiment according to independent claim 1, then withdrawn claims 7-17, 19-21, 33-62, 67-80, 85-89, 93-97, 99-101, 103-105 and 107-109 will be rejoined with examined claims 1-6, 22-32, 63-66, 81-84, 90-92, 98, 102, 106 and 110-114.

By this paper, independent claim 7 has been amended to improve grammar, form, and/or punctuation, which has no further limiting effect on the scope of claim 7. Claim 7 has also been amended to recite "0.6 to 3 mass% of Sn" as supported by claim 1 and page 24, lines 17-22, of Applicant's specification.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the present amendment, claims 1-17 and 19-114, are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, as indicated by the Examiner, the previously withdrawn claims should be rejoined with the examined claims in view of the present amendment. IN addition, as conceded by the Examiner, Amendment (E) After Final overcomes the art of record, and the previous grounds of rejection have been withdrawn. Thus, claims 1-17 and 19-114 of the above-captioned application, as amended, are allowable for the reasons of record.

For all of the above reasons, claims 1-17 and 19-114 are in condition for allowance, and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The below-signed attorney for Applicant welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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